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HABITAT: *Oeneis jutta ascerta* Masters & Sorensen

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Oeneis jutta ascerta inhabits acid sphagnum-moss bogs from southeast Manitoba eastward to Maine. The photograph was taken in the type locality, Solana State Forest, Aitkin County, Minnesota. Bogs such as this one, containing moderate growths of Black Spruce (*Picea mariana* Mill.), are preferred over those with heavy or sparse growths. Males establish "territories" in open lanes among the spruce and will return time and time again to a favored perch.

The larval foodplant, Cottongrass (*Eriophorum spissum* Fern.—which is a sedge and not a grass), can be seen in the foreground; its cottony perianth bristles appearing like small white flowers. Other plants that are always found in these bogs include Labrador Tea (*Ledum groenlandicum* L.), Leather-leaf (*Chamaedaphne calyculata* L.), Sphagnum Moss (*Sphagnum* species), and Feather Moss (*Pleurozium* species).

Oeneis jutta has a biennial life-cycle which produces adults once every two years. At this locality adult examples are found only in odd-numbered years.

